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"DESCHUTES" COUNTY BILL

Gets Little Support at Home

INCLUDED DISTRICTS KICK

Promoters Curry Favor Among Outsiders--Voters Asked To Investigate This Scheme

According to the Redmond Hub the promoters of the "Deschutes" county bill have found a place where the proposal to divide Crook county is VERY popular.

But this fabled place is away over in the Willamette Valley, where practically nothing is known of local conditions and where the interests of the people are not affected.

But for Heaven's sake! If the people of the Willamette Valley want "Deschutes" county, the majority of Crook county wishes they would come and take the thing away. We haven't any need or place for it in the Deschutes Valley.

Outsiders Should Investigate

We submit it to the mind of any honest man—Have the people in the Willamette Valley any just or moral right to a voice in the creation of a new county from Crook county territory? Why of course not. But this is the history of the Deschutes county move from the beginning, to force this division through by the assistance of outside voters, regardless of the desires and protests of the people who are affected by it. There has not been and cannot be put forward any sensible argument to the people of Crook county in favor of the creation of Deschutes county. The disinterested outsider is not expected to care much, "Crook county is pretty big, and ought to be divided." And it is this kind of jolly that may appeal to the man in the Willamette Valley, because he doesn't know any different, but to every voter in the state who may chance to read these lines, we wish to emphatically say that the creation of the proposed Deschutes county will be a rank injustice and outrage to the majority of the people of Crook county. If you do not know about this Redmond scheme, find out about it.

Strong Opposition at Home

It would be more to the point if the Redmond Hub would name some part of Crook county (outside of Redmond) where the Deschutes county bill is popular.

The Prineville people are utterly opposed to it, as is evidenced by their strong resolution of condemnation. The boundaries are wholly unjust and unsatisfactory to the people in that vicinity, coming within six miles of town.

Bend Must Cross New County

Bend is doing everything in her power to defeat the bill. Her people will have to go entirely through the new county to reach their county seat at Prineville, although the boundaries of it are within five miles of Bend.

Included Territory in Revolt

The people of the Squaw Creek and Sisters district are opposing the effort to include them in the Redmond county. This is the only precinct in the county to which Redmond, as a county seat, offers anything of convenience.

An Outrage to Madras Country

In the great territory north of Crooked River, including Lamonta, Culver, Opal Prairie, Madras, Agency Plains and other thickly settled districts there is not one owner of 160 acres who favors county division under the Deschutes county plan. This country is all included in the new county, and will be by far the most productive and thickly settled portion of it.

If there is any virtue in the Redmond proposition why are all these progressive people opposing it?

The Hub says because it would spoil the chances of some towns to become future county seats. Certainly it would, and at the same time it will spoil the chances of the people to ever have a county seat located conveniently to their homes. If that is not a good reason to oppose the bill, there is no room for opposition at all.

Redmond Offers Nothing

If Redmond offers any advantages as a county seat to any considerable por-

tion of the territory of which it proposes to be the capital, the Deschutes county promoters have thus far failed to present them to all of us "annexed" people who are opposing the plan.

It's ten times easier to create popularity for Deschutes county in the Willamette Valley than it is among the majority of the people who are to be included in it.

Village's Ambition Only Excuse

Redmond's ambition to land a county seat is absolutely the only motive for division of Crook county at this time. Redmond is only 16 miles from Prineville, our present county seat. If Deschutes county is foisted upon us by the votes of men who have no just right to a voice in the matter, we will have two county seats located within 16 miles of each other, for a territory as large as the state of Massachusetts. How apparent it is to anyone who knows local conditions, that there is no excuse for such a county as Deschutes, except to make Redmond a county seat.

Most Unnatural Association

"What God has put asunder, no man can join together." Redmond can never annex the territory north of Crooked river to herself for the reason that there is no natural tendency for this district to go that way. Between us is a great gulf fixed—the gorge of Crooked river, which can be crossed at only two points in a stretch of 20 miles. We have no interests in common, and the joining of the Willow Creek Basin to the desert country south of Crooked river is too absurd to have ever received a thought in any proposal for county division, until this "Deschutes" county scheme was concocted at Redmond.

No Demand for Division At All

It is a hard, cold fact that a division of Crook county is entirely useless and unwarranted, unless the new conditions would offer a very great increase in convenience to a large number of people. Our county affairs are in good hands, the business of the county is ably managed, the officers are rendering accommodating service, taxes are normal, the county is equipped with a splendid stone courthouse just built. Every accommodation that can possibly be had under existing physical conditions are enjoyed by the residents of this county at Prineville. Distance and the time consumed in travel are the only drawbacks. The location of a county seat at Redmond for the proposed county of Deschutes would not relieve this condition at all.

If there is any sense or justice in the proposal for Deschutes county, we wish someone would point it out.

EXPERIMENTING WITH ALFALFA FOR SEED

Central Oregon is one of the best countries in the world, so government service men tell us, for the production of seed plants, especially alfalfa, and yet in the local market alfalfa seed sells today for 27 cents a pound, and the product is shipped from the eastern part of the state or from the central states.

Last year R. M. Powell and other farmers on the McKay grew some fine quality seed, but their inexperience caused many mistakes that lessened the quantity of their output 75 per cent.

Now comes a Portland real estate firm with an idea that is good, well worth copying by the dry farmers in Central Oregon.

This firm has secured a large place in the vicinity of Culver—W. F. Hammer's place—and will parcel it out in Portland and to other outside people at \$100 an acre for alfalfa gardens. The method of producing alfalfa on this land is wherein the merit of the plan lies. Any man who has an irrigated ranch will tell you that it cannot be done, but on second thought he will tell you as firmly that it can.

The plan is this: Prepare the land in the same manner as the dry farmer does, that is, after the system advocated by the Campbell method, and in the early spring plant alfalfa seed in rows as you would corn.

The plant should be cultivated almost constantly, and in this manner the soil will retain the moisture and produce a good strong plant.

Investigation shows that this is the method used by the government in producing its alfalfa seed, and tests made by these men show that a very large percentage of the seed is fertile, a much greater percentage than of the irrigated seed.

The maximum amount of seed that can be expected from an acre is one thousand pounds according to good authority, which readily shows that any kind of a seed crop is better than hay.—Crook County Journal.

FOR SALE—Complete threshing outfit at the El Katcher ranch. Call at the ranch.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT

Madras To Have Water System

GRADE AND OIL STREETS

May Bond City for Municipal Water Works--Railroad Engineer Helping City Officials

Madras is going in for some of the things that mean civic progress and development. If it is possible under existing laws for the city to provide for a bond issue, an election will be held on the question of bonding the town for a sum sufficient to put in a good and sufficient water system for domestic purposes and fire protection.

The city authorities have very gladly accepted the offer of Engineer Griswold of the Oregon Trunk Railway to assist the city with plans and estimates for a water system. Mr. Griswold is now in correspondence with different supply houses regarding the cost of material. He will shortly put some of the railroad engineers out with instruments to establish level stations about town so that a line can be had on a location for reservoir site. Mr. Griswold's suggestion which seems to meet with common approval is to put in a good well and gasoline pumping plant, feeding into a large reservoir. He gives as a rough estimate the cost of such a system as about \$5000. Steps are to be taken at once toward working out the plans outlined above and to supply Madras with a water system at the earliest possible date.

At the meeting held Monday evening Engineer Griswold submitted for the inspection of the council a profile of the grade on Main street, which the city intends to improve at once. Mr. Griswold advised that the central portion of the street be left as it is at present, but that a gutter grade be constructed on each side of the street from the Madras Hotel corner through to Willow Creek, a distance of about 1600 feet. The engineer showed that without making this gutter more than 2 feet deep at the north end, or outlet, that the street could be perfectly drained, which point is the essential one for the present consideration. The trouble now there are water traps in the street which hold the surface water, making bad conditions. The street level enough and good enough in appearance for all practical uses, but the desire is to get rid of the water. The recommendations of Mr. Griswold were accepted and this work will be done immediately.

From an engineering standpoint it will be a very easy matter to put a perfect grade on Main street. At no point on the work would the cutting or filling exceed a foot and a half, but even then the work would entail considerable expense for the reason that some of the material would have to be moved several hundred feet. This expense is not considered advisable at this time. The gutter grade is to be constructed and then the matter of establishing the sidewalk grade will be taken up. This will be done with the idea of making the sidewalk grade fit existing sidewalks as closely as practicable, in order to save expense of reconstruction to conform to a hard and fast grade specification. All these improvements are being taken up from the common-sense point of view with the idea of getting the service desired at the least cost to the city and the property owners.

The council has about concluded to do away with the effort to stop the dust nuisance by sprinkling and to oil the streets of the city with crude oil. The expense of the present plan by sprinkling with water is considered too great in consideration of the results obtained. It is figured that the cost of sprinkling all summer will more than pay for the application of the oil on the same street surface and the efficiency of the oil is far above sprinkling.

Engineer Griswold is also coming to the aid of the city in this matter. He believes that it can be arranged for the city to secure oil from the Oregon Trunk at Shaniko and will take the matter up with the railroad company. The Oregon Trunk is using the oil for fuel in their well drilling operations four miles south

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